

Application No.: 09/434,440

Docket No.: 20162-00534-US

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. Applicant notes the allowance of claims 2-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 24, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 37.

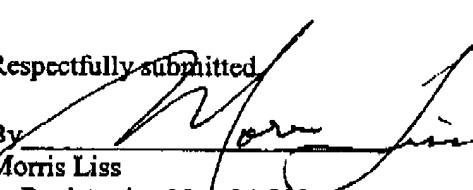
Claims 32, 34, 36 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The foregoing Amendment clarifies the points raised by the Examiner so that these claims are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant anticipates an early formal allowance of all the claims remaining in the application, namely, claims 2-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 24, and 30-38.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20162-00534-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted

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